

REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

MEETING 147 11-17-03
DATE:

AGENDA SECTION: PUBLIC HEARINGS	ORIGINATING DEPT: PUBLIC WORKS	ITEM NO. F-10
ITEM	ROCHESTER CITY LINES FARE CHANGES	PREPARED BY: A KNAUER <i>AK</i>

This is a public hearing to consider changes to the base fare and various multi-ride passes offered by Rochester City Lines. The base fare has not been increased since January 1996. The multiple ride passes were last increased in December 2002.

Following is a summary of the proposed changes;

- 1) The single ride adult cash fare would increased from \$1.00 to \$1.25
- 2) The single ride senior (65 and older), Medicare Card holders and persons with disabilities from \$.50 to \$.60 during off-peak periods.
- 3) The single ride youth (ages 6-18) from \$.50 to \$.60.
- 4) The adult 10- ride pass would increase from \$9.00 to \$10.00.
- 5) The adult 20 ride pass would increase from \$16.00 to \$18.00
- 6) The monthly unlimited ride pass would increase from \$26.00 to \$30.00.
- 7) The current annual pass prorated at a monthly amount of \$24 for unlimited rides for an annual cost of \$288.00 would increase to a prorated monthly amount of \$28 for an annual cost of \$336.00.
- 8) The current discounted annual pass through the employer pass program prorated at a monthly amount of \$22 for an annual cost of \$264.00 would increase to \$26 a month for an annual cost of \$312.00. An employer with at least 10% of its local workforce participating in a bus pass program is eligible for this program.

No increases are proposed to the discount 10 ride tickets for \$5.00 offered to seniors (65 and over), youth (18 and under), Medicare card holders and persons with disabilities. Cash fares represent slightly over 9% of program revenues with the remainder made up of revenues from prepaid passes, sponsorships and advertising.

If the above changes are approved they would be effective December 1, 2003 with the exception of the changes to the annual pass which would be effective for annual passes sold for 2004.

It is estimated that the above fare increases will provide an additional \$97,000 in program revenues. Program revenues currently cover approximately 43% of expenses. The remainder of the program is funded by State and federal funds. The proposed 2004 budget (without any expansion of services) requires approximately \$30,000 over available State funds. The remaining revenues from this fare increase may be used for slight service adjustments later in 2004 depending on the rate of expenditures in comparison to budget. (The budget can be effected by changes in fuel prices and major equipment repairs.)

The Transit Advisory has recommended approval of the fare changes.

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Adopt the prepared resolution approving fare changes for Rochester City Lines per Exhibit "A"

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EXHIBIT "A"

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE ROCHESTER CITY LINES FARE SCHEDULE

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No increases are made to the discount multiple ride tickets offered to seniors (65 and over), youth (18 and under), Medicare card holders and persons with disabilities or to student semester passes. Children 5 years of age and younger ride free.

The above changes are effective December 1, 2003 with the exception of the change to the annual pass which would be effective for all annual passes sold for 2004.